



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Meeting Notes

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NCEC member attendees: Kenneth Brown Doron Clark, John Finlayson, Matt Perry, Jeff Strand, Carol Pass, Ed Newman, Tessa Wetjen, Tony Anastasia, Mark Hinds, Crystal Johnson and Marcea Mariani.

NCEC members absent: Ali Warsame, Latrell Beamon and Maria Sarabia.

Commission staff: Howard Blin, Mariano Espinoza and Cheyenne Erickson.

| Agenda Item | Content |
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| 1.Introduction, & agenda (Action) | Action(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consensus to approve June agenda.• Consensus to approve May 22, 2012 meeting notes. |
| 2. Recognition of Outgoing Members (Informational) | Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Vice President Robert Lilligren attended to give a special thanks to commissioners whose first 3-year terms were ending and to commissioners who have resigned. He also commented on their accomplishments and handed out a certificate of appreciation to each member whose term was up.• Commissioners Finlayson, Hinds and Perry each spoke about their time spent on the commission.• Director Rubedor also spoke and thanked them for their work. |
| 3. Report of 2012 NUSA Conference (Informational) | Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jana Metge who is serving as the 2013 NUSA Coordinator attended the NCEC meeting to discuss the planning process that has been happening and asked the NCEC to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Help spread the word with the Save the Date Cards.○ Help reach the goal of 1,000 participants, which would be to get 4 people from each neighborhood to attend.○ Help line up exhibits.○ Help reach the goal of 300 volunteers.○ Help with sponsorship ideas.○ Organize a reception at the conference.• Director Rubedor also spoke and explained that this is a major community engagement effort and the NCEC should think about what their role might be.• This conference has allowed the Department to expand the partnership with the MPRB.• There will be a call for presentations on August 1st, 2012. Please keep an eye out on the NCR website. |
| 4. Report of the Grievance Committee (Informational) | Summary: The Grievance Committee gave the background information on the grievance. And explained that the actions taken by the NCR department had been appropriate, except for the length of time it took the department to bring forth the grievance to the NCEC. Action(s): The commission reached consensus to receive and file the report. |

5. NCR Report (Informational)

Summary:

- NCEC Elections: There are 5 seats open in districts 2,4,5,6 and 8. 3 of the 5 districts are contested.
- NCEC Appointments: The appointing authorities met and will be putting forth their recommendations for appointment at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 28th and will approve the appointments at the full City Council Meeting on Friday, June 29th.
- Neighborhood Survey: received great response, 435 people for about a 30% response rate. A 3rd party contractor is compiling the results and it will be presented in a report to the City Council and the report will be available online.
- Boards and Commissions Diversity Survey: Staff is currently analyzing the results; plan is to share the results with City Council on July 19th. In 2009 the Department streamlined the appointments process and increased outreach and conducted the first diversity survey.
- Committee of the Whole Items: Thursday June 28th the department will have a number of items going through the City Council's Committee of the Whole, the items are: the 2012 NUSA Awards, NCEC Appointments and the City's position on the Dream Act. On July 19th the Department plans to bring the following items through City Council: the Neighborhood Survey report, the Boards and Commissions Diversity Survey report, and the waterfall of remaining funds from NRP and the NRP admin rollover funds.
- New Commission Member Orientation will be held on Monday, July 16th. Past and present NCEC members are invited to attend.
- Blueprint for Equity: The department will be coming back to the NCEC about what this will be and will look forward to the NCEC's input and involvement. The department meets with an informal group of community leaders called The Think Tank. The group has no standing other than it being a group of people that help guide the work that the department is doing.

Commissioner Comments:

- Do you know the number of people of color that serve on the City's boards and commissions?
 - The data has not yet been analyzed that deeply and the department is still compiling the information.

6. NRP Policy Board Report (Informational)

Summary: the NRP Policy Board will meet tomorrow. The agenda items are: the 2013 NUSA Conference, the Newsletter Policy and the Grievance Policy.

Commissioner Comments:

- Can you please share with us the findings of the 45 day review for the Newsletter Policy?
 - Staff received 10 comments back, 8 were in favor of rescinding the policy and 2 were in favor of retaining the policy. The staff recommendation is to rescind the Newsletter Policy.

7. Task Force Reports
(Action)

City Department Engagement Task Force: Commissioner Clark reviewed the Task Force Report. The recommendation the Task Force is making is for the full Commission to approve their report.

Commissioner Comments:

- The Task Force should take on a case about a development project where a well-informed neighborhood opposes the project and has done much outreach to prove that the residents of the neighborhood also oppose the project.
- The Commission should help this neighborhood and support them; the commission should act on this now.
- Hoped to see best practices of City Departments in the report, can it be included? An example would be the health department.

One Minneapolis Fund: Commissioner Strand reviewed the memo. The recommendation the Task Force is making is for the full Commission to approve their report.

Commissioner Comments:

- There was a much larger amount of money proposed when the CPP guidelines were approved. \$160,000 is a good first step. The timing is important to recognize the timing of the program by 2014 the Blueprint for equity would have two years of pilot under its belt.
- Too bad it is such a small amount of money. An option might be to look at the CURA grants, more specifically the NIP grant.

Bylaws Task Force: Staff reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws and explained that the consultant drafted the changes and this is the 1st draft to be reviewed by the commission.

Commissioner Comments:

- The changes should be reviewed by the Task Force first.
- It is unfair for Task Force members for this document to go out without being reviewed by the Task Force.

Action(s):

- The commission reached consensus to approve the report from the City Department Engagement Task Force with the recommendations to incorporate the best practices of City Departments.
- The commission reached consensus to approve the proposal from the One Minneapolis Fund Task Force.
- The commission reached consensus to refer the suggested changes to the Bylaws back to the Bylaws Task Force.

8. Commissioner Open Forum

Commissioner Comments:

- Urge Commission members to recognize and respect the work done of the various task forces.
- Participated in the recent Pride Event. The event proved to be extremely inclusive and there was much to learn.
- Suggests that the One Minneapolis Fund's allocation for \$10,000 for the evaluation is a misplaced priority and that number could be cut to allocate more dollars to the program.

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